



Abrahams-Curiel Department of Foreign Literatures & Linguistics

Academic year 2023-24 (תשפ"ד)

Course title (English): Introduction to Semantics

Course title (Hebrew): מבוא לסמנטיקה

Course number: 133.1.0147

Course slot (semester/s, weekday/s, hours): semester B, Sunday 12:00-14:00

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Course description & objectives:

In this course, we discuss basic topics in natural language semantics, the branch of linguistics that deals with meaning. Topics we will cover include set theory, propositional calculus, inferences of various types and Grice's Cooperative Principle.

Course requirements:

Attendance	mandatory
Homework assignments	20%
Final exam	80% passing the exam is required in order to pass the course
Active participation bonus	5%

Topics & bibliography

Topics:

Semantics as the study of meaning

Semantic inference – entailments

Semantic-pragmatic inference – presuppositions

Set theory

Logical inference – deductive reasoning

Propositional calculus

Pragmatic inference – conversational implicatures

Textbooks:

* Alwood, Jens, Lars-Gunar Andersson and Osten Dahl. (1977). *Logic in Linguistics*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press

* Kearns, Kate. (2000). *Semantics*. New York: St. Martin's Press.